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REQUEST

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit	2872	
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Attorney Docket Number	AFB00497	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practicenterim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission requir	red under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	~-4
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i. X Consider	r the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F red amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).	
ii. 🔲 Consider	the arguments in the Appeal Brief or I	Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. 🔲 Other		
b. Enclosed		——————————————————————————————————————
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ii. 🔲 Affidavit(:	s)/Declaration(s)	
iii. 🔲 Informatio	on Disclosure Statement (IDS)	281
iv. 🔲 Other		00
2. Miscellaneous		
a. Suspension of	of action on the above-identified applica	ation is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for
a period of _	months. (Period of suspension sha	Il not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other		
3. Fees The RCE fee L	under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.	114 when the RCE is filed.
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iii. Other	of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:179 710.00 CH
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